customs duty in respect of drugs, drug intermediates and finished medicines:

1. No. 14/88-Customs dated 1.3.1988
2. No. 27/88-Customs dated 1.3.1988
3. No 44/88-Customs dated 1.3.1988
4. No. 103|88-Customs dated 16.3.88
5. No. 212/88-Customs dated 30.6.88
6. No 213/88-Cuctoms dated 30.6.88
7. No. 236/88-Customs dated 10.8.1988
8. No. 247/88-Customs dated 16.9.1988
9. No. 290/88-Customs dated 12.10.1988
10. No. 296/88-Customs dated 1.11.1988
11. No. 316/88-Customs dated 16.12.1988
12. No. 322/88-Customs dated 23.12.1988

These notifications contain the names of all drugs, drug intermediates and finished medicines (which number about 250) for which customs duty was reduced or exempted during 1988. The above notifications have been duly laid on the Table of the House.

(b) to (d) The prices of specified drugs are fixed by the Administrative Ministry under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1987. While fixing the prices of drugs under this Order the extent of concession granted in customs duty is taken into account. In the case of drugs which are not under price control, drug manufacturers and their Associations have been Advised by the administatirve Ministry to pass on the benefit to the extent of duty concession to the consumers.

Grant of import licences to IDPL on stock and sales basis

1667. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have granted import licences for certain drugs to IDPL on stock and sales basis;

(b) if so, what are the names of the drugs and the quantity and value of each licence;

(c) what is the CIF price at which each drug was imported and what is the price at which each drug was sold along with the names of the parties; and

(d) what is the policy in respect of import licences for drugs on stock and sales basis and whether an actual user can get such licences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is enclosed [See Appendix CXLIX Annexure No. 91].

(c) Such information is not being compiled.

(d) For import of drugs for stock and sale, import licences are issued under IRMAC scheme, to facilitate import of drugs in bulk for off-the-shelf supply to small actual users. Actual users are not eligible to get such licences.

News-item regarding Drug Exports

1668. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Economic Times' of the 7th January, 1989 regarding drug exports;

(b) whether it is a fact that drugs exported to Bangladesh were in fact never exported but remained in India; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No specific complaint in this regard has been received by the Government.